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Currahee Author visits Michigan Senate

Lansing – In commemoration of D-Day's 60th Anniversary, Senator Valde Garcia, R-Howell, has invited noted author Donald R. Burgett to attend Senate session on Thursday, June 3, 2004. Thursday will mark the Senate's recognition of the day American soldiers stormed the beaches of Normandy during World War II.

Burgett is the author of *Currahee*, a paratrooper's account of the night jump into Normandy hours before the D-Day landing. His true story inspired one of the episodes that the television series "Band of Brothers" was based upon. His story provides an eye witness narrative of what it was like to be a member of the 506th Parachute Regiment as they encounter a five day battle against opposing forces.

"We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to recognize our nation's heroes on their 60th Anniversary of such a momentous event," said Garcia. "I am honored to have Mr. Burgett as my special guest as he truly has captured the experience that so many of our veteran's have had while in combat. I commend him for his sacrifice as well as for providing a vivid account of his experiences so that other may appreciate the meaning of D-Day."

Burgett now resides in Howell, Michigan with his wife.

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